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CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Labedz would move to amend the bill. (Labedz amendment is found on page 1493 of the Journal.)

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Hall, will you be carrying the amendment?

SENATOR HALL: Yes, I will, Mr. Speaker. Thank you, members. This is an amendment that Senator Labedz had drafted. She is not here this afternoon. Basically all this does, I'm passing out to you...the Page is passing out to you a map of the United States that shows when studded snow tires are to be off of cars. All this amendment does is extend what we currently have in the Legislature...or excuse me, in law right now which is March 15 in Nebraska to April 1. The amendment takes and adds approximately 16 days to the time which you can have studded snow tires on your car. So this was prompted, Senator Labedz received a number of calls from constituents based on the storm that we had just this past month. She has received a number of calls over the years with regard to this. If you'd take a look at the map that has been passed out and you can see that the states that surround us all go until at least March 31, which would be Missouri, Wyoming and Colorado are unrestricted use; South Dakota goes until April 30; Kansas, April 15. I think that every state that allows for the use goes at least until March 31, even California goes until April 1. So, because of the type of weather that we are used to in this state, I think, and Senator Labedz has offered this amendment that we extend the amount of time that we are allowed to use studded snow tires in this state for 16 days. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Discussion on the Labedz amendment introduced by Senator Hall? Senator Beyer, with Senator Wesely on deck.

SENATOR BEYER: Mr. Speaker and colleagues, Senator Labedz did discuss this with me. I have no problem with it. We did check with the Department of Roads, they say the usage is so minimal that there is...would be no great damage to the highway, in fact it is a lot less than what was even discussed before when they had a concern about going back to the studded tires and everything. It is not causing a problem. So I would have no objection and would support the amendment.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Wesely.